



# MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT

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### COURT SECURITY STANDARDS, JUDICIAL DISCIPLINE SYSTEM RULES TO BE ADDRESSED AT SUPREME COURT PUBLIC HEARING

LANSING, MI, June 6, 2002 – Security standards for Michigan courts and proposed rules for the Michigan Judicial Tenure Commission (JTC) will be among the issues addressed at a public hearing of the Michigan Supreme Court on **Thursday, June 27**. The hearing, which will take place in the old Supreme Court courtroom on the third floor of the State Capitol Building in Lansing, will begin at 9:30 a.m. and adjourn no later than 11:30 a.m.

The proposed JTC rules represent the first extensive revisions to judicial discipline system rules in more than 30 years. The security standards proposal addresses such issues as weapons screening, bomb threats, and courtroom access.

Also on the hearing agenda are proposed court rules that would:

- require prisoners to be notified of proceedings that affect their parental rights or custody of their children;
- allow an interpleader plaintiff, if successful, to recover attorneys fees and court costs;
- give a defendant in a criminal case a second chance for an appeal, where the first right of appeal was forfeited because of ineffective assistance by appellate counsel;
- require a judge to follow statutory guidelines in deciding whether to admit expert testimony.

The hearing is open to the public, and interested persons are invited to address the Court about items on the agenda. Anyone who wishes to speak at the hearing should contact the Office of the Clerk of the Court by e-mail at [MSC\\_Clerk@jud.state.mi.us](mailto:MSC_Clerk@jud.state.mi.us), or by mail at P.O. Box 30052, Lansing, Michigan 48909, no later than **Tuesday, June 25, 2002**. Each speaker will be allotted three minutes at the hearing. In addition, the Justices may have questions for speakers.

More information about the proposed rules is available on the Supreme Court's web site at <http://courts.michigan.gov/supremecourt/Resources/Administrative/index.htm#proposed>.

## **PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA**

1. 1999-31 Proposed amendment of Subchapter 9.200 of the Michigan Court Rules. Published at 465 Mich 1286-1303 (Part 5, 2002).  
*Whether to adopt extensive revisions of the court rules governing the judicial-discipline system.*
2. 2001-29 Proposed amendment of Rule 702 of the Michigan Rules of Evidence. Published at 465 Mich 1307-1308 (Part 5, 2002).  
*Whether to amend the rule to add a provision codifying the trial judge's role as "gatekeeper" for novel expert testimony.*
3. 2001-06 Proposed amendment of Rule 2.102 of the Michigan Court Rules. Published at 465 Mich 1285-1286 (Part 4, 2001).  
*Whether to require notice to prisoners of proceedings affecting custody and parental rights.*
4. 2001-11 Proposed amendment of Rule 3.603 of the Michigan Court Rules. Published at 465 Mich 1306-1307 (Part 5, 2002).  
*Whether to amend the interpleader rule to include an explicit provision for attorney fees.*
5. 2001-27 Proposed amendment of Rule 6.508 of the Michigan Court Rules. Published at 465 Mich 1305-1306 (Part 5, 2002).  
*Whether to amend MCR 6.508(D) to allow courts to grant relief from judgment when ineffective assistance by appellate counsel causes a defendant to forfeit the initial right to appeal.*
6. 2001-55 Proposed security standards for trial courts. Published at the following website:  
[http://courts.michigan.gov/scao/resources/standards/cs\\_proposed.pdf](http://courts.michigan.gov/scao/resources/standards/cs_proposed.pdf)  
*Whether to adopt the proposed court security standards.*